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Worship Schedule: Saturdays at 6:30pm & Sundays at 7:45 & 10:15am

| January 6 & 7, 2018 | | Epiphany/Faith Alone | Hymns |
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| Order of Service: | | <i>Divine Service II</i> folder | 90 |
| Psalm of the Day: | | Psalm 72, page 93 | 404 |
| Sermon Text & Theme: | | Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12 | 577 v. 4 |
| | | <u>Faith Alone</u> | 92 & 79 |
| 1. Faith clings to Jesus alone | | | 569 v. 1-3 |
| 2. Faith moves Jesus' people to action | | | |

Welcome to worship at St. Paul's!

- **Assistive listening devices** for the hearing impaired, as well as **children's bulletins**, are on the information centers.
- **Large-print service folders** are available in the entry. These may be helpful to visitors as well because they contain the whole service.
- A **Child Training Room** is available for parents with small children. You can hear and see the service from this special area.
- **Restrooms** are to the right as you leave the sanctuary.
- **Please sign our friendship register** and pass it along in the pew.
- **Service Notes:** We will stand and sing **577 v. 4** after the offering. Please be sure to have a **Divine Service II** folder for worship today.

God's Word this week: Epiphany is celebrated on January 6th, and its season lasts until the beginning of Lent (Ash Wed.). It's a time to rejoice that Christ came for all people, Jew and Gentile, and then to use God's gifts to reach out to others in love for their souls. We are also observing "Faith Alone" Reformation 500 this weekend.

Ushers this weekend are Teams Wright, Weigand, and Wilhelms. Next weekend (*Jan. 13/14*) ushers will be Teams 7 (T. Hill), 8 (M. Ewerdt) and 9 (J. Laudolff). Our **greeters** this week are Bonnie Nebl and Kim Geisthardt. Next week they will be Patricia Brennand, Beth Ewerdt, and Tony and Jackie Palmer. Thank you to everyone for your loving service.

January 6 - 14, 2018

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| (1/6) | Sat | 6:30pm | Worship with Communion |
| (1/7) | Sun | 7:45 & 10:15am | Worship with Communion |
| | | 9:00am | Sunday School and Bible Study |
| | | 9:00am | Bible Information Class |
| (1/8) | Mon | 6:10pm | Confirmation Instructions |
| | | 6:30pm | Senior Choir |
| | | 7:30pm | Men's Choir |
| (1/9) | Tue | 6:00pm | Board of Christian Education |
| | | 6:00pm | Lutheran Girl & Boy Pioneers |
| (1/10) | Wed | 8:45am | Bible Class: <i>Getting to Know Your Bible</i> |
| (1/11) | Thu | 7:00pm | Adult Open Gym |
| (1/12) | Fri | 4:00pm | Pioneers Basketball at St. Peter's, FdL |
| (1/13) | Sat | 12:00pm | Pioneers B'ball (H) vs. Peace, G. Lake |
| | | 6:00pm | Blood Pressure Check-ups |
| | | 6:30pm | Worship |
| (1/14) | Sun | 7:45 & 10:15am | Worship (10:15 Installation & LGP sing) |
| | | 9:00am | Sun. School, Bible Study, BIC |

Sunday School: This week the children learn how each of us is like the lame beggar as we stand before God (Acts 3). Yet through the Means of Grace, God's Word and Sacraments, God gives us what Christ accomplished on the cross: forgiveness of sins.

Bible Study: *Getting to Know Your Bible* - a practical class about how our Bible "works" and why it's the most important part of our spiritual arsenal. Our adult Bible studies are Wednesdays at 8:45am and Sundays at 9:00am in the fellowship hall. Please come when you can and as you are!

BIC: This weekend we are beginning a **Bible Information Class** for anyone interested in membership (or others wanting to refresh their memories about the basic teachings of the Bible): Sundays at 9:00am in the Katie Luther Room. There is no cost or obligation.

2018 envelope packets are available from the table in the hallway across from the mailboxes. *Please don't use 2017 envelopes anymore.* You may also want to consider electronic funds transfers (EFTs or automatic withdrawals) if you feel they might work for you. Easy-to-fill-out enrollment forms are on the information center.

Thank you to those who helped take down Christmas trees and decorations and pack them away this Saturday morning. We appreciate it!

Second Impressions Thrift Store Hours: Tuesday-Friday: 10:00am to 6:00pm; Saturday: 10:00am to 3:00pm. Donations are accepted: Monday: 10am-4pm; Tuesday-Friday: 10am-5pm; Saturday: 10am-1pm. It is located at 325 Winnebago Dr. (near the A&W). Phone: 907-9900.

Installation of officers and an expression of gratitude to retiring officers of the congregation will be **next Sunday, Jan. 14th** during the 10:15am service. We ask those involved to meet in the fellowship hall at 10:05. Also, our annual **Voters' Meeting** is scheduled for **Sunday, Jan. 21st** after the late service at about 11:25am.

Communion: As our Savior teaches, during the reception of the Lord's Supper we receive his true body and blood along with the bread and wine for forgiveness of sins and spiritual strength. We also believe it is an expression of fellowship based on our mutual agreement with the Lord's unchanging teachings in the Bible. Confirmed members of the WELS and ELS are welcome to commune. Please register in the pew folder or entryway podium. Important preparation questions are on page 156.

The 2018 St. Paul's Bowl-A-Thon will be **Friday, January 19th** at Parkway Lanes beginning at 6:30pm. Let's Glow: Reminisce, celebrate, and learn about the 1980s! This is an annual, fun get-together to reduce the mortgage on our remodeled gymnasium. Brochures with more information are on table in the school entryway (near the mailboxes). Please contact Shannon Rickert if you have questions: rickertsm@gmail.com or 920-904-7704.

Youth Wrestling (grades K-8) at WLA will begin January 25th with registration from 5:30-6:30pm in the west mezzanine. The cost is \$20 for 12 practices, 1 tournament, and a t-shirt. Fliers are on St. Paul's school entrance table. For more information, please go to www.wlawrestling.com or contact Pastor Wright at bwright@wlvikings.org.

If you have a little time to donate to the Lord and congregation, we are always looking for more kind folks to sign up for church cleaning. A list of available weeks is in the entryway. You can also serve on a "cleaning team." Also, if you can help with snow blowing, that we be wonderful! A list of upcoming weeks is on the information center. Please call the office (922-1080) or speak with the pastors or Board of Properties members if you have any questions.

Thank you to our offering counters! We have three teams (some members serve on more than one team) that rotate each week to tally the offerings so they may be properly deposited, recorded for individuals, and reported to the congregation. Their help is truly appreciated!

If you are hospitalized and would like a pastoral visit, please call the church office or pastors. Please don't depend on the hospital to call us *even if hospital personnel ask you about it* when you are admitted.

It's St. Paul's turn to help serve hot lunch at Winnebago Lutheran Academy the week of January 29th - February 2nd. Two people are needed each day. The hours are 9:30am-1:30pm. A sign-up sheet is on the information center. Thank you for considering this volunteer service!

Annual Report: If your congregational board, organization, committee, or group would like to submit a written article or update to be included in the congregation's annual report, please send it to Pastor Behnke via email before January 21st (thbehnke@charter.net). Thank you!

New Member Welcome: The *New Member Pot Luck Dinner* is for the whole congregation to come together and welcome New Members who joined our congregation in 2017 on **Sunday, Feb. 11th** after the late service. It is not necessary to sign up, but doing so gives us an idea of how many places to set up for. We ask that the current members bring a pot-luck dish while the New Members just come as guests. We thank our women of WInGS for sponsoring this welcoming event!

Memorials: from David Jahns to the Mortgage Fund in memory of his dad, Butch Jahns, who went home to heaven Jan. 15th, 2002; and from Jerry & Kathy Eaton to the Mortgage Fund and Improvement Fund in memory of Ed & June Fenske, Kathy's parents.

Ash Wednesday is Feb. 14th. Services are Wednesdays at 3:30 & 6:30pm during Lent. **Lenten meals** between services are being hosted Feb 14, 28, and Mar 14. Three slots remain open if your group would like to do the same! Please contact the office if you are interested.

Sunday, Jan. 28 is Let's Celebrate Day at WLA! Join us for an afternoon (11:30-3:30) of fun and fellowship in celebration of the blessings our gracious God has bestowed on our Academy. There will be performances by the WLA band and choirs, as well as Association grade school choirs, silent auction, and new this year - a fashion show featuring items from Second Impressions Thrift Store! If you'd like to donate a theme basket for the silent auction, please drop it off at WLA by Friday the 26th. Questions? Contact Aaron Bilitz at abilitz@wlavikings.org.